

Ex-IRS Agent Sent to Jail for Laundering Drug Money

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A former Internal Revenue Service agent was sentenced to 30 months in prison for helping a heroin dealer to buy a \$65,000 BMW 745i while concealing his ownership of the vehicle.

Evelyn Millen, 50, allegedly conspired with her niece's boyfriend, LaMauro Coleman, 29, to purchase the vehicle in June 2003 in her name with proceeds from Coleman's drug-trafficking activities. In return, she received \$3,000, which she used to buy a Rolex watch. Millen, a 30-year IRS employee, was suspended without pay following her arrest last year, according to the *Detroit Free Press*.

Coleman and Millen were charged with conspiring to pay off the balance on the BMW with five cashier's checks that they purchased from five different banks on July 6, 2005, along with four money orders purchased the same day. The total amount of the cashier's checks and money orders was \$40,000. The indictment charged that the \$40,000 payment was structured in a manner to avoid federal reporting requirements for cash transactions over \$10,000.

Millen pleaded guilty in May to money-laundering charges. Coleman pleaded guilty to both drug and money-laundering charges in July. His sentencing is scheduled for September.